

Program Evaluation Survey

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THE PROGRAM

9. Briefly describe interventions that will be used in this program.

Program Interventions:

- * Expedite Initial case assignment/Risk assessment process.
- * Availability of Multi-disciplinary input to program assignment decision-making and case plan development.
- * Provision of intensive probation supervision and coordinated multi-agency intervention efforts over first 90-180 days of 602 WIC Wardship.
- * Expanded use of probation volunteers to expedite information gathering and linkages to community-based accountability and intervention programs.
- * Availability of a broader range of programmatic options for meeting individual casework requirements (mental health, substance abuse, employment, restorative justice, education and enrichment activities).

10. Briefly describe, in general terms, the expected beneficial effects of the program (especially the benefits as they relate to what you are going to measure; e.g., if the primary dependent variable is "grade point average," then the goal would be to improve the grade point average.

Expected benefits/goals of the program are:

- * Reduced time from wardship declaration to implementation of program service.
- * More intensive probation supervision and intervention efforts during six months subsequent to case assignment.
- * Reduced Risk level and improvement on "8%" Risk factors. (Initial to Final Risk Assessment).
- * Fewer new law violations and institutional commitments during the program period and through the 6 month follow-up period.
- * More minors completing Accountability requirements (e.g. Restitution, fines, community service) during program period and through Wardship termination.

11. Name and briefly describe the type of research design that you intend to use to determine whether or not this program produces the desired outcomes.

Quasi-Experimental Design. The evaluation will involve both process and outcome measures utilizing comparison groups in other Probation service delivery regions, and in the same region on an historical basis.

12. Briefly describe the process evaluation research that you intend to conduct.

Process evaluation measures will include:

- * The Length of time between the date of 602 WIC Wardship declaration and the date of: 1) Assignment to a Field Supervision officer; 2) Initial Risk Assessment (completion); and, 3) Wardship termination (or, transfer to Admin/Relief of Supervision caseload).
- * No./type of probation supervision contacts.
- * Number and type of community resource referrals.
- * Intervention service levels (based on provider input).
- * Length of time between wardship declaration and initiation of program services.

COMPARISON GROUP

13. Will there be a comparison group?

Yes

14. If you answered 'no' to #13, how will the effectiveness of the program be evaluated?

N/A

15. Will the treatment and comparison group subjects be randomly assigned from the same pool of subjects?

No

16. If you answered 'no' to #15, what kind of comparison group will you use?

Two comparison groups: (1) a group of first-time wards supervised in other Probation service delivery programs; and (2) a group of first-time wards supervised in the same Probation service region (N. Orange Co.) in a historical time period (i.e., one year prior to program implementation).

17. Briefly describe the process for identifying and assigning the comparison group subjects.

Existing databases maintained by the Probation Department's research unit and the Department's computerized case management system will be used to identify the comparison group wards and to collect the evaluation data.

18. List the criteria for participation that must be met by the comparison group subjects (e.g., age, probation status, gender). Next to each, list the level of the variable that will be used for subject selection (e.g., age 12 or higher, ward of the probation department, males).

Probation Status - First-time wards in Orange County. "8%" Risk Factors - 0 to 2. (Those with "0" will have policy overrides based on violent offenses.) Initial Risk Classification - Medium - High. Probation Supervision Region: -> Historical comparison - North Orange County Field supervision Region Current comparison - All Field Supervision Regions (Central, West, South), combined.

19. List any other independent variables that you will be collecting for the comparison group (e.g., risk assessment score, legal history, grade point average, school attendance, drug use).

Offense severity. Impact of changes in case processing time (wardship declaration through completion of Initial Risk Assessment). Pre-Post changes in risk classification & on "8%" Risk Factors. Level & type of probation supervision contacts. Level and type of intervention services provided.

20. Will the comparison group be matched to the treatment group in terms of any variables?

No

21. If you answered 'yes' to #20, list the matching variables that will be used.

N/A

22. If you answered 'yes' to #20, briefly describe how the comparison group will be matched to the treatment group.

N/A

23. If you answered 'no' to #20, briefly describe why you believe that the treatment and comparison groups will possess the necessary comparability.

The criteria used to initially identify and select the comparison-group subjects should ensure the comparability. (NOTE: This comparability will be verified.)

24. How many subjects will participate in the comparison group during the entire course of the program?

350 for each comparison group. Note: An additional 275 cases will receive intensive intervention services but will comprise the comparison groups for the Repeat Offender Prevention, Opportunities, and Transitional Aftercare Programs.

TREATMENT GROUP

25. Briefly describe the process for identifying and assigning treatment-group subjects.

Following wardship declaration, the three North County Supervising Probation Officers, with assistance from the Immediate Accountability DPO and a cadre of Probation volunteers, will complete an assessment of all first-time wards to identify those wards meeting the selection criteria.

26. List the criteria for participation that must be met by the treatment group subjects (e.g., age, probation status, gender). Next to each, list the level of the variable that will be used for subject selection (e.g., age 12 or higher, ward of the probation department, males).

Probation Status - First-time wards in Orange County. "8%" Risk Factors - 0 - 2. Those with "0" will have policy overrides based on violent offenses.) Initial Risk Classification- Medium to High. Probation Supervision Region: North County.

27. List any other independent variables that you will be collecting for treatment group (e.g., risk assessment score, legal history, grade point average, school attendance, drug use).

Offense severity. Impact of changes in case processing time (wardship declaration through completion of Initial Risk Assessment). Pre-Post changes in risk classification & on "8%" Risk Factors. Level & type of probation supervision contacts. Level and type of intervention services provided.

28. How many subjects will participate in the treatment evaluation research samples?

350

DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERVENTIONS

29. List the interventions that only the treatment group will receive (interventions that are not received by the comparison group). Next to each intervention, state in measurable terms, the goals of the intervention. For example, a goal might be: "to improve reading level of program participants."

Expedite initial case assignment/risk assessment process. Availability of a broader range of programmatic options for meeting individual casework requirements (mental health, substance abuse, employment, restorative justice, education and enrichment activities.) Expanded use of probation volunteers to expedite information gathering and linkages to community-base accountability and intervention programs.

Provision of intensive probation supervision & coordinated multi-agency intervention efforts over first 90-180 days of 602 WIC Wardship. Availability of Multi-disciplinary input to program assignment decision-making & case plan development.

30. List the interventions that only the comparison group will receive (interventions that are not received by the treatment group).

No unique interventions are planned for the Comparison group

31. List the interventions that both the treatment and comparison groups will receive (i.e., in what ways, in terms of interventions, will the treatment and control subjects be treated in the same).

All subjects will have received risk assessments and will have been under formal Probation supervision for a period of not less than 90 days.